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RESOLUTION SUBMITTED TO THE RAND COMMISSION  
ON COAL BY THE FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS OF  
GLACE BAY AND ENVIRONS

To the Honorable I.C.Rand,  
Commissioner on Coal,  
SYDNEY, N.S.

As an expression of our vital interest in the investigation and study being made by you, as a Royal Commission, of the vast problems affecting our great coal industry, the several fraternal organizations and societies in the Town of Glace Bay and its surrounding area, deem it a distinct privilege and pleasure to address to you the following resolution.

WHEREAS the organizations whose names are appended to this resolution, representing various segments and points of view of our population, have met in joint session and after due deliberation are in complete agreement and unanimously in support of the expression of opinion set forth in the within resolution; and

WHEREAS we are aware from constant daily experience of the extent to which several centres of population on the Island of Cape Breton have developed and grown as a result of coal mining operations and of their complete dependence on coal for their existence; that over one hundred thousand people are directly or indirectly affected by the coal industry of Nova Scotia; that substantial communities have been established with strong Municipal governments; that fine churches, schools,



hospitals, and other public buildings and institutions have been erected; that businesses and small industries have been established; that a substantial proportion of the mine workers own their own homes; in short, that the blood, the nerve, and the sinew of the very being of our communities depend upon the continued operation of all existing coal mines; and

WHEREAS the coal mining communities of Cape Breton have contributed to the economic and political life of Nova Scotia in a very great measure and have played their part in the life of Canada as a whole, particularly during the First and Second World Wars, when the record of enlistments of their men and women in the Armed Forces was outstanding if indeed it was not the highest proportion in the land; and

WHEREAS it is our sincere belief that the coal industry in Cape Breton has richly merited assistance and consideration by Governmental authorities because of the part it has played in the economy of the country, particularly when one considers the revenues, governmental and otherwise which accrue from the coal industry, the commodity consuming capacity of the coal communities, and the huge amount of consumer goods purchased from upper Canada; and

WHEREAS these fraternal organizations of Glace Bay and environs, having most sincerely welcomed the news of the appointment of yourself, a distinguished retired Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada by Royal authority duly constituted as a Commission on coal, and knowing full well the experience and



ability of yourself in the legal and judicial life of Canada, do repose in you the utmost confidence of our entire membership, that you will be guided to make suggestions and decisions and that you will report in due course constructive action that will protect and maintain not only our present industry and its markets but will become a guide to a stable economy with ensuing benefits to all people in the coal producing areas of Nova Scotia; and

WHEREAS you, Sir, have seen fit to visit the County of Cape Breton as part of the Commission's investigations to see at first hand the working of our Coal mines and to hear the views of all interested parties, and therefore we join with all other citizens of Cape Breton in extending to you a most sincere and hearty welcome and expressing the hope that your stay and work among us will be most pleasant and fruitful; and

WHEREAS our concern, as indeed we know yours too, regarding the future of coal is not only for the industry as such but for the welfare of our coal miners, our communities, families, institutions and organizations as now established;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we express to you, Sir, our prayerful support and interest in the heavy tasks which are your lot as a Royal Commission investigating these problems; that we wish you success in your deliberations; that we pray that Divine Providence will guide you and assist you in your assigned duties, and that the result of your deliberations will mean the continued existence of our communities, and that the

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dreaded possibility of closure of our mines with all the attendant hardship, privation and sorrow will be removed permanently from our midst and that the people of our several mining communities may live their lives in the dignity of gainful labor.

DATED at Glace Bay, N.S., this 16th day of March,  
in the year 1960.

ALL OF WHICH is respectfully submitted on behalf  
of the following Fraternal Organizations:

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